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To Whom It May Concern:


I am urging you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

It is practically impossible to move a downed animal humanely, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains which is inhumane and cruel. If an animal is down it means it is to sick or injured to even stand and should not be used in the food chain due to increased risk for bacterial contamination or possibly with a form of BSE. Better care and handling of the animals would reduce the "downed" animals by 90%.

Simply removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to prevent downed animals.

Thank you.

Regards,



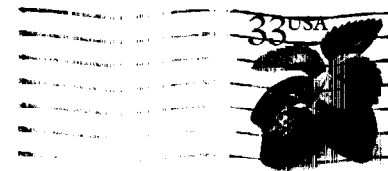
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